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# Daddy's home

## Policy OKs Soldiers' paternity leave

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN  
Leader staff

When Capt. Rodney Jackson's wife, Demetra, had their first daughter two years ago, he had to use part of his annual leave in order to spend time with his family.

However, this year, a new Army policy has allowed him the chance to spend time with the couple's newest addition without dipping into his leave.

New dads can now make use of the Army's new paternity leave policy, which allows 10 days of non-chargeable leave after the birth of a child. The policy went into effect in March.

"The Army got this right," Jackson said. "It's definitely a worthwhile policy and I think a lot of people are going to benefit from it."

The leave policy affects married active duty Soldiers, including activated guard and reserve Soldiers, whose spouses gave birth after October 2008. Although the leave must be taken consecutively, new fathers have 45 days to use it.

The 45-day time limit worked especially well for Jackson, who was attending the Adjutant General Captain's Career Course. Because he could only miss so many hours of class, he was able to make up for the time lost once the classes were completed.

"One thing about it that I do like is you can (use leave) up to 45 days," he said.

Jackson said the policy shows families that the Army recognizes how important the father's role is in the days following the birth of a child.

"Even though (the wife) is at home, she still

needs to heal," he said. "The husband needs to actually play a role in that. They need our help."

And although he is happy to help out, Jackson said he appreciates the distinction between paternity leave and having to take annual leave.

"That's not really a family vacation," he said. "You're changing diapers, you're trying to get the baby adjusted to the home."

His wife said the policy is especially helpful for new moms, like her, who have other small children in the home.

Jackson said the paternity leave is a welcome addition to the maternity leave the Army already had in place.

"Now that it's given to the men as well, it's important, because we play a role too."

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### Chasing the title



Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cavezza, 1st Battalion, 13th infantry Regiment, clears a hurdle on the obstacle course Tuesday during the Drill Sergeant of the Year competition. Cavezza is one of 20 Soldiers competing. See pages 20-21.



# Network security vital to Army success

There's a good chance that as you are reading this, Fort Jackson is under attack, along with the rest of the military and U.S. government.

Surprised? Well, you shouldn't be. Cyber attacks are nothing new, and our military continues to work diligently to maintain the upper hand on the computer battlefield.

Concerned? Well, you should be, because cyber warfare is serious. It's so serious that our government is spending millions, investing in new tools and technologies to thwart our aggressors.

In response to mandates, Fort Jackson is doing its part in the fight against cyber intruders.

But for our command's response to be effective, each and every member must do his or her part.

Look at it this way. The mission of the Army is to fight and win on the battlefield. In cyberspace, the goal is no different. Every Soldier, civilian and contractor is a critical member in defending the cyberspace domain from being compromised. The frontlines are your computers. Your weapons are knowledge and situational awareness.

## BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY W. MAY

*Fort Jackson  
Commanding  
General*



For this form of combat, Fort Jackson has instituted training as mandated by the U.S. Strategic Command. The goals are to improve recognition of cyberspace threats and to educate computer users on safe practices. Some network violations include surfing porn sites, sending chain letters, attempting to bypass access controls, introducing unauthorized hardware or software, using personally owned software, uploading executable files or introducing malicious software or codes into the network.

Good network practices should start with keeping

your system password secure and not writing it down where it can be easily seen. You should also make sure that when you leave your computer terminal that you remove your Common Access Card from your machine.

On Fort Jackson, the Army's Global Network Enterprise Construct is our network. The proponent for the daily operation of this network is the Directorate of Information Management. We all connect to it in support of operational business that ranges from sending and receiving emails to conducting quality of life responsibilities and planning day-to-day operational missions.

The bottom line is that we all use the GNEC to conduct our mission. For us, the network has become a major component of our daily routines to accomplish the mission. By doing so, each and every one of us who use it is responsible for its security.

The required network security training is our opportunity to improve the Army's network security posture within organizational units. A secure network is essential for enforcing the high standards necessary to keep the Fort Jackson network safe from threats.

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# Newspaper style; FMWR rental equipment; retirement documents

*Why is it that the Leader staff publishes Army personnel rank wrong? For example, Sgt. Maj. should read SGM or CSM; Staff Sgt. should read SSG, and so on.*

The *Leader* staff, as well as all military reporters, Soldier and civilian, train to write in Army newspapers as though they were writing in civilian publications.

The style guide they follow was designed with the general population in mind, not just the military community. That guide was written by the Associated Press, a worldwide newsgathering agency whose rules for writing set the journalism standard among most American reporters.

The rank abbreviations you see in the *Leader* follow those guidelines, as is required of all journalists who work for the Department of Defense.

*I am having a private function at my home in government quarters on the installation. Can I use FMWR equipment such as chairs and canopies ?*

Marion Street Station, 751-3484, located at 4582 Marion St., has items such as canopies available at reasonable rates. Equipment, such as chairs and tables, may become available in the near future. According to the provisions of Army Regulation 215-1, NAF property may not be loaned out for personal use.

*I was unable to attend my formal retirement cere-*

## COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON

*Fort Jackson  
Garrison  
Commander*



*mony and want to know what documents will I receive from the Transition Center?*

Post separation documents will be forwarded to Soldiers within five days after their retirement date. In this respect, a correct post separation address is extremely important.

The following documents will be forwarded to each retiree: Retirement certificate, presidential certificate of appreciation and spouse certificate of appreciation.

### GARRISON FACT OF THE WEEK

MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the Department of Defense Web site for official Military Community and Family Policy program information; policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need.

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# 'One Call' connects schools, parents

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN  
Leader Staff

For parents looking for up-to-date information on Fort Jackson schools, those updates are now as close as their own phones.

The new "One Call" system allows the school system to contact parents automatically by phone to provide notification of student absences, school cancellations, upcoming event reminders and more. The system has been in place since March.

"The 'One Call' system was developed to help schools provide an effective way of communication with our parents," said Carol Kress, principal of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. "With just a couple of clicks of a mouse, we can get the information out to our parents in a timely manner."

When school officials activate the system, telephone numbers parents provide to the school are automatically dialed. If the

call cannot be completed at one number, One Call will try an alternate number. It then logs how many attempts are made and whether the call was answered by a person or an answering machine.

Because the system is automated, it is important for parents to keep their contact information current.

"I can't stress enough the importance of them updating their information with the schools," Kress said. "That is the critical link."

Parents should make sure the schools are notified when changes to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses occur.

Kress said the system is working well, and allows schools to notify parents of changes, even when the schools are closed.

"If it's a message that has to go out after duty hours, we can do that," she said. "It's really just a great system."

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## Connelly award



Photo by DELAWESE FULTON

Col. Lillian Dixon, left, garrison commander, and Lt. Col. Collin Fortier, right, commander 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, present the Connelly award to Barbara Johnson, manager of the battalion's dining facility and Donald Johnson, president of Johnson Food Services, during a ceremony Friday. The dining facility won the award for being the best large dining facility in the Army.

# Planning, budgeting key when buying home

At some point in nearly every Soldier's career, the question of whether to buy a home will come up. Usually the urge to buy a home is kindled by a life-changing event like getting married, starting a family, changing duty stations or retiring. Although there are strong emotional issues associated with home ownership, home buying should always be a rational process.

First, you should decide if it makes sense to own your home. In many cases, it is cheaper to rent than to own. When you buy a house you are responsible for all maintenance and repairs. In addition, utility bills are usually higher and you will be responsible for homeowner's insurance and property taxes.

A home is a long-term investment. You may have to live in your home as long as three to five years to break even on closing costs and real estate commissions. Renting out your home is a last resort and carries risk. Tenants may not take care of your home as well as you do, and you are still responsible for upkeep and repairs. Rental income may not cover the mortgage and other expenses, and it is difficult to evict non-paying tenants.

Next, you should prepare a budget. This step is important because it will provide the rational basis for deciding how much house you can afford.

Be realistic when preparing your budget and try to be conservative. You will most likely qualify for more house than you can afford, and it will be very tempting to overbuy. Your budget should include an emergency fund that covers three to six months of expenses. You will need some

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

By JOHN LITTLE  
Financial planner



cash at closing, and you need to furnish your new home, budget cash for that as well.

Now is also a good time to check your credit reports online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). If you have negative items on your credit, address them before applying for a mortgage. In order to take advantage of low mortgage rates you must have clean credit. A difference of just a percentage point or two in interest rate will translate into thousands

of dollars over the course of a mortgage. When you have completed the budgeting process, you can apply for a pre-approved mortgage. Shop around for the best rates and lowest fees.

We've all heard the real estate mantra "location, location, location." When deciding where you want to live, you should look at factors such as commuting distance, shopping, crime rates, and schools.

If you are new to an area, spend some time getting familiar with different neighborhoods. When you find the right area, find out what's available. A good place to start is [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com). This Web site gives estimated home values, recent sales prices and property tax information. Make a list of the homes that meet your qualifications.

Now it is time to find a real estate agent. Look for an agent who specializes in your area. Get references if possible. Make sure you are comfortable with your agent; he or she should be representing you, not the seller.

Save yourself and your agent time by providing a list of properties you want to see. Don't be pushed into looking at properties you are not interested in or cannot afford.

Be aggressive when making an offer on a home, especially if it has been on the market a long time. Everything is negotiable. If you are willing to do some repairs, see if the seller will lower the price.

Finally, don't fall in love with a property; if you cannot come to terms on price, move on.

For more information on the home-buying process, contact the Army Community Service Center at 751-5256.



# AAFES gives back to post

*Special to the Leader*

Fort Jackson's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is over \$2 million richer thanks to AAFES and the post's Soldiers, family members and retirees.

Purchases made at the PX, Main Street Food Court, Shoppettes and other AAFES activities at Fort Jackson last year generated a dividend of \$2,527,494. These funds are critical to FMWR's ability to enhance local programs and facilities.

"Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs with the other third used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities," said Jason S. Rosenberg, general manager for Fort Jackson's AAFES stores. "This structure means that authorized customers are essentially our 'investors.' Fortunately, thrifty shoppers rediscovering the value the exchange offers allowed the PX to provide a healthy return on their investment."

AAFES facilities, the Exchange Online Store and Exchange Catalogs brought in more than \$260 million to Army, Air Force, National Guard, Marine Corps and Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation efforts last year.

## Helping hands



*Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN*

**More than 30 members of the Fort Jackson community were awarded the Helping Hand Award for their volunteer efforts in a ceremony at the Post Conference Room yesterday.**

## Out with the old, in with the new



*Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH*

**Lt. Col. Richard Smarr, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Huffin uncase the colors of the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment (Arrowhead Battalion) yesterday during a reflagging ceremony on Darby Field. The battalion is the former Victory Support Battalion.**

## An egg-cellent event



*Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN*

**Sgt. Shanay Esaw, with the 171st Infantry Brigade S1, colors eggs with her son, Je'din, 4, at an Egg hunt and cookout last week.**

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# Holocaust not just a Jewish issue

On April 4, 1945, elements of the United States Army's 89th Infantry Division and the 4th Armored Division captured the Ohrdruf concentration camp outside the town of Gotha in south central Germany.

Although the Americans didn't know it at the time, Ohrdruf was one of several sub-camps serving the Buchenwald extermination camp. Ohrdruf was a holding facility for over 11,000 prisoners, mostly Jews, on their way to the gas chambers and crematoria at Buchenwald.

A few days before the Americans arrived to liberate Ohrdruf, the SS guards had assembled all of the inmates who could walk and marched them off to Buchenwald. They left in the sub-camp more than 1,000 bodies of prisoners who had died of bullet wounds, starvation, abuse, and disease.

The scene was an indescribable horror even to the combat-hardened troops who captured the camp. Bodies were piled throughout the camp. There was evidence everywhere of systematic butchery. Many of the mounds of dead bodies were still smoldering from failed attempts by the departing SS guards to burn them. The stench was horrible.

When Gen. Dwight Eisenhower learned about the camp, he immediately arranged to meet Gens. Omar Bradley and George Patton at Ohrdruf on the morning of April 12.

By that time, Buchenwald itself had been captured. Eisenhower ordered every American soldier in the area who was not on the front lines to visit Ohrdruf and Buchenwald. He wanted them to see for themselves what they were fighting against.

The Holocaust in Europe — the Shoa — remains the most prominent of genocides because it was the best planned and documented; documented by a scrupulous government who maintained meticulous records, and documented by its victims and witnesses.

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## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER

*Fort Jackson  
Jewish lay leader*




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Records were kept of every victim placed in the ovens. This was an organized and meticulously recorded mass extermination. And only because the Nazi world believed, "The world will thank us when it's over."

The results of the Holocaust were so successful that almost 70 percent of Europe's Jews were exterminated. Shtetls — Jewish towns — that lasted for 50 generations were gone and would never be replenished or return.

More than 90 percent of the Roma population — "Gypsies" — were exterminated.

It was not so difficult to create a "Jew Free Zone," or to embark on any course of genocide. It was state backed, fully federally funded and not difficult to get the general population on-board with the plan, particularly because the targeted sympathizer is not the targeted victim.

Before the Holocaust was over, 6 million Jews and 7 million other targeted groups across Europe had been exterminated — 13 million in all.

German Lutheran minister, Pastor Martin Niemoller, witness to the Holocaust, summed it up:

*First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out — because I was not  
A Communist  
Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out — because I was not*

*A Socialist*

*Then they came for the trade unionists  
And I did not speak out because I was not  
A trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews*

*And I did not speak out — because I was not a  
Jew.*

*Then they came for me —*

*And there was no one left*

*To speak out for me.*

The first holocaust of the 20th century occurred when 2 million Armenians living in Turkey were eliminated from their historic homeland of 3,000 years.

In Cambodia's killing fields the scattered bones of 2 million Cambodians, 30 percent of the Cambodian population at that time, were left to rot.

In Bosnia 2,000 Muslims died at the hands of a Serbian backed government.

But even earlier in 17th century America, our America, 4,000 Cherokee people died of the cold and hunger in a forced march relocating them from the east to designated western lands.

I am a child of the Holocaust. We are all children of the Holocaust. I say, "never again." But we see genocide in Rwanda, where 800,000 tribesmen, women and children were slaughtered. We say, "never again," but it happens in the Darfur region of the Sudan, where 400,000 Sudanese have been exterminated.

The success of the next defoliation of a branch of the human family tree depends on the person sitting next to you. If he or she says nothing when they come for you, turns a deaf ear to your screams, a blind eye to your removal, then there is no point to saying, "never again." Because "never again" is happening right now.

If we are not the instrument of change, then who will be?



# Alcohol abusers stir up serious problems at work

By **SANDRA BARNES**

*Employee Assistance Program Coordinator*

Alcohol abuse and its impact on the workplace can be a difficult issue to discuss. Nevertheless, it is a subject that must be tackled.

One out of every 10 people in the United States has an alcohol problem. In fact, there is a very good chance that someone where you work abuses alcohol or other drugs. Workers who have a substance abuse problem are far less productive, miss more days of work and are more likely to injure themselves or someone else and file more workers compensation claims.

Drinking among U.S. workers can threaten public safety, impair job performance and result in costly medical, social and other problems that effect both employees and employers. According to a recent study by the Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions, workplace alcohol use and impairment affects an estimated 15 percent of the U.S. workforce, or 19.2 million workers.

Alcohol use can significantly impair a worker's judgment and coordination, leading to an increased risk of on-the-job accidents and injuries. It can also lead to lower levels of productivity and employee morale — not only among those with alcohol problems, but also those working alongside them.

As National Alcohol Awareness Month, April is an opportune time for the Army Substance Abuse Program to take steps to educate employers and employees about the problems associated with alcohol use — both on and off the job.

Several factors contribute to problem drinking in the workplace, but employers are in a unique position to mitigate some of these factors and motivate employees to seek help for alcohol problems.

Drinking rates vary among occupations, but alcohol-related problems are not characteristic of any social segment, industry or occupation. Drinking is often associated with the workplace culture. Drinking acceptance, workplace alienation, the availability of alcohol and the existence and enforcement of workplace alcohol policies all play a part of whether an employee might abuse alcohol.

The culture of the workplace may either accept and encourage drinking or discourage and inhibit drinking based on those factors.

Work that is boring, stressful or isolating can contribute to employee drinking. Employee drinking has been associated with low job autonomy, lack of job complexity, lack of control over work conditions and products, boredom, sexual harassment, verbal and physical aggression and disrespectful behavior.

The availability and accessibility of alcohol may influence employee drinking.

Restricting workers' access to alcohol may reduce their drinking.

There is a wide variation in the existence of alcohol policies, in employees' awareness of them, and in their enforcement in workplaces across the country.

Alcohol-related job-performance problems are caused not only by on-the-job drinking, but also by heavy drinking off the job.

Stressors at home and at work can also contribute to drug and alcohol abuse. These include: Long work hours, tight deadlines, fear of losing job, conflict with peers or supervisors, marriage problems and financial problems.

The workplace is one setting in which the consumption of alcohol is undesirable and safeguards need to be implemented to ensure the well being of employees and others who may be affected.

Fort Jackson ASAP provides an Employee Assistance Program through which employees may voluntarily receive information and confidential assistance regarding alcohol related problems.

*What is the Fort Jackson Employee Assistance Program?*

The EAP is a worksite-based program designed to help with personal problems that impair work performance.

*Who is authorized to receive EAP services?*

Family members of active duty military personnel, retirees and their family members, and DA civilians and their family members.

Not only is the service confidential, but it also free. If you are a civilian employee, your supervisor may recommend you meet with the EAP Coordinator if your personal problems are affecting your work performance.

*What assessments does the EAP offer?*

The EAP offers assessment and referrals for drug and alcohol abuse, family and marital issues, health and wellness, high stress levels and more.

*What is a supervisory referral?*

Sometimes supervisors recommend employees speak with the EAPC. At the first meeting, information will be gathered to gain an understanding of the problems leading to the supervisory referral.

Employees will be asked to sign a release of information that allows the EAPC to speak with the supervisor to ensure the employee has followed through with the referral. No further information will be shared by the EAPC about the employee unless the employee consents.

Employees are encouraged to take responsibility for their own behavior and voluntarily seek help through ASAP Employee Assistance Program which will assist them in the resolution of alcohol related problems.

The hours of operation for EAP are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 751-5007 to find out more about EAP, ask a question about substance abuse or to set up an appointment.

*Note: The source for this article was the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Visit [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov) for information.*



## ASAP calendar

❑ **Unit Prevention Leader:** Required training for newly assigned unit prevention leaders is Wednesday through April 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The class includes training on drugs and alcohol, biochemical testing and substance abuse prevention. Seating is limited, so get the request forms in early. The uniform will be duty uniform. Reminder: Please do not schedule appointments during class time.

All classes are held in the ASAP classroom, building 3250, Sumter Avenue.

For information about the classes offered at ASAP, please call 751-5007.

The Army Substance Abuse Program provides prevention/education to the community on topics pertaining to alcohol and other drug usage. The Army Substance Abuse Program maintains a wide selection of pamphlets and videos that can be used to get a further understanding of the dynamics of substance abuse and use. The staff of the ASAP is available to give presentations on the subjects of alcohol and drug abuse upon request.

## DHR happenings

❑ **The Basic Skill Education Program** will help Soldiers improve their GT scores. A new schedule of courses is available through June. Contact an Army Education counselor for appropriate counseling and pre-testing before enrollment. Class size is limited to 15. The class fills very quickly. An enrollment application completed by the Soldier and signed by the commander or first sergeant is required to hold space for the class.

The next classes are scheduled for now through April 30.

❑ An on-post **National Testing Center** is located at the Education Center, building 460. The center will enable military personnel and DoD Civilians enrolled at colleges and universities throughout the country to take computerized exams and instantly learn their results for most tests.

This NTC was made possible through a partnership between Midlands Technical College and ACES, Fort Jackson.

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support tests are free to active duty personnel. However, military family members and civilians must pay a fee.

For more detailed information regarding the testing schedules, contact the Education Center at 751-5341.



# Click: Soldiers should never give up

**Rank, name**  
Staff Sgt. Tracy Click

**Unit**  
Company E, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), Army Preparatory School

**Job title / Military Occupational Specialty**  
Squad leader, 68X, mental health specialist

**Years in service**  
17 years

**Marital status**  
Married, two children

**Highest education**  
Some college, pursuing welding certification

**Hobbies**  
Riding, repairing and building motorcycles



Photo by DELAWESE FULTON

**Staff Sgt. Tracy Click explains the locations of various Army installations to Army Preparatory School students.**

## NCO spotlight

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In the 17 years Staff Sgt. Tracy Click has served, he has been deployed to Iraq three times.

Click has been stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Gordon, Ga., Landstuhl, Germany and Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Jackson.

He said his most memorable experience was during a competition in the Netherlands.

“I completed a 12-mile all-terrain march in a Holland competition for multi-

national forces,” he said. “The event was held at the Dutch Military Academy. It was such a grueling march ... we went through ankle-deep sand and waded through a lake. We were amazed we actually got through it.”

Click said what has motivated him most throughout his military career is being able to provide a decent quality of life for his children.

His goal is to retire after 20 years of active service. After retirement, he plans to complete his welding certification and start his own business. He would also like to deploy once more with his old unit — the 85th Medical Detachment from Fort Hood, Texas.

His advice for junior enlisted Soldiers: “Don’t quit,” he said, adding that all Soldiers can be successful. “Quitting is not an option.”

We salute you!

## The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “the backbone of the Army.” I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own.

I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

# Senior NCOs: The Army’s central nervous system

**By DAVID W. KUHNS SR.**  
*Army News Services*

A lot of attention is being paid to the Army’s NCOs this year. One of the real strengths of our force is the NCO Corps. How many times have you heard it said that NCOs form the backbone of the Army?

If NCOs are the backbone, what do you call the subset who hold together the NCO Corps? The spinal cord? I am talking about senior NCOs — sergeants first class through command sergeants major. To beat the metaphor to death, they are the central nervous system of the Army, I guess.

There isn’t a single Soldier in the Army, officer or enlisted, who hasn’t been profoundly affected by a senior NCO. Whether it was a tough platoon sergeant who guided a young lieutenant through the pitfalls of leadership, a master sergeant who served as mentor and example for a staff section, or a command sergeant major who served as trusted friend and adviser to a senior com-

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mander, everyone in the Army can point back at a senior NCO who played a central role in success.

Many writers have described our NCO corps as the envy of other armed forces around the globe. That is no doubt true. But, I think our senior NCOs are truly unique.

The commander directs what is to be done. Subordinate officers flesh out those directives within the commander’s intent. Junior NCOs see that tasks are executed. In a well trained force, it forms a smoothly operating machine.

Senior NCOs aren’t always direct players in that process, but they are critical to that smooth operation.

Rather than being doers, senior NCOs are experts on doing things right. Rather than being innovators, those top Soldiers are the ones who ensure innovations are grounded in the lessons of experience.

They know what it feels like to be a Soldier at the bottom of the rank structure, but they have also been a first line leader and have grown to understand the demands placed of commanders and staff officers. In some ways, senior NCOs are the ones who bind the other ranks into a cohesive whole.

The Army is a large institution. As its members are transferred from place to place they size one another up.

What sort of Soldier is that new specialist? What will it be like working for the new company commander? What will be the impact of the new general?

Senior NCOs draw less of that speculation. It is part of our culture to just expect those Soldiers with multiple rockers to be very good at everything they do. It’s a heck of a responsibility, if you think about it.

So here’s to those men and women with the rockers, the diamonds and the stars.

They are the best of the best.

**Editor’s note:** David W. Kuhns Sr. is editor of Fort Lewis’ Northwest Guardian.



# Iraqi, Afghan find home in U.S. Army

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN  
Leader Staff

Earlier this month, when Balsam, an Army private, graduated from Basic Combat Training with his fellow Soldiers of Fort Jackson's 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, it was the third time he had completed military training.

But what set this training apart from his others is that the Iraq native can now call himself a U.S. Soldier.

His BCT experience was nothing like what he experienced as a soldier in the Iraqi Army under former-dictator Saddam Hussein, Balsam said.

"Iraqi basic training is like 'how to be a slave,'" he said. In addition to learning how to use various weapons, he was taught other skills, like how to bribe officers, he said. But today, the Soldier, who is now attending Advanced Individual Training here, is eager to continue his new career in the U.S. Army.

Balsam, and many others like him, is part of the Army's 09L interpreters and translators military occupational specialty. The MOS recruits native speakers of highly sought after languages, such as Arabic, Dari, Pashtu, Farsi or Kurdish, and has been in existence since 2003.

Balsam's journey to the U.S. started with his work as an interpreter with Army forces in Iraq. Chris, an Army major who asked that his last name be omitted, was part of a military transition team that worked closely with Balsam, who was working at that time as a medic with the New Iraq Army.

"By luck, he was assigned to my team when I got to Baghdad," Chris said. "I was just real fortunate that he got assigned to my team."

He calls the placement fortunate, because the team quickly learned that Balsam was not just a capable translator, but a trusted colleague. The two soon became friends.

"Balsam was close with all the guys," Chris said. "Initially it was his competence we were all impressed with."

But later, it was his commitment to the mission that bonded the group.

"He saved a bunch of (our) lives a bunch of times," Chris said.

"It got to the point where I trusted him so much that I would ... use him as a gauge to determine people's sincerity," he said. "We respected him a lot as an interpreter and a fellow Soldier. He was one of the greatest guys on my team."

Balsam was similarly impressed with Chris. "He's really loyal to his country," he said. "I respect him."

Chris acted as sort of a mentor for the 33-year-old and he and the rest of the team worked to get Balsam to the U.S.

"It was really hard getting the visa," Chris said. "The whole team sent letters asking for assistance for him to get a special visa."



Photo by 1ST LT. MEG HARVEY, U.S. Air Force

**A U.S. Soldier and an Iraqi interpreter talk to an Iraqi woman during a patrol in Amiriyah, Iraq. Pvt. Balsam and Spc. Abdul, both who are currently attending Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, cannot have their photos printed to avoid possible retribution.**

Soon, one team member heard from his congresswoman, who helped push the paperwork through.

Balsam is grateful for their hard work.

"They gave me another chance for a new life," he said. "They are more than family."

## From civilian to Soldier

Spc. Abdul has a quiet demeanor. Just days from graduating BCT, he looks like a shining example of a Soldier. But things did not come easily for the 24-year-old Afghanistan native.

"This is a really big change. I have never been in such a challenge in all my life," he said. "I didn't expect this. When I came here I was lost."

During his first weeks with the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Abdul could not figure out why drill sergeants were yelling at him. Eventually, he pulled one to the side to find out what was going on.

"I was taking this personally at the beginning," he said.

The drill sergeant explained that BCT was all about teaching new Soldiers' discipline, and Abdul soon caught on.

"I'm not the same guy as I was before," he said. "I learned discipline here. I feel a little bit stronger than I was before."

The life of a Soldier is new to Abdul. But his experience with Soldiers in 2006, when he was working as an interpreter with various U.S. forces, is what started his journey to joining the Army.

That is when he met now-retired Lt. Cmdr. John Felkner — the man he calls his big brother.

"I worked closely with the interpreter pool," Felkner recalls. "I and my shop, we

were out dealing with the local government every day."

Halfway through his tour, Abdul became his team's main linguist.

"He was a good interpreter and adviser," Felkner said.

Before his tour ended, Abdul asked Felkner for his help in coming to the U.S. He had heard about a new law that gave local national interpreters preferential immigration status, and wanted to take advantage of it.

Felkner said he approached Abdul's request like he would for any of the other guys he worked with.

When Congress increased the amount of interpreters it would accept from 50 to 500, Abdul was among that number. He received his visa in 2007 and arrived in the U.S. in January 2008. Felkner said he had put out some feelers to find Abdul a job, and the day his plane landed, one of his sources came through.

"I had intended to take him around (Washington) D.C., but I wound up taking him to a job interview," he said.

Abdul landed that job, but he was soon looking for something more than life in an office.

"I had always told him, for a fella in his position ... that the Army's going to want his skills," Felkner said. "I think he was just looking for a little more excitement in his life."

A year after arriving to the U.S., Abdul has now found that excitement as a new Soldier.

"I will do whatever I'm told to do, and I will support the mission," he said. "I like what I'm doing, but it's not easy."

Even so, he often thinks of the family he left behind in Afghanistan.

"It's going to be a lot different," he said. "My friends, if they saw me, I will be considered a traitor. If I go (back home), it may be dangerous. I'm not concerned about my safety because I know I'm protected. (But) my biggest worry is about my family."

Even as a civilian translator back in Afghanistan, Abdul walked a fine line.

"When I was out, I would hide my U.S. ID," he said. "When I was a civilian, some people didn't like what I was doing."

## Two Soldiers: What lies ahead

Both Balsam and Abdul look forward to returning to their respective homelands as U.S. Soldiers.

"I'm the only Soldier who came from the mission to basic training," Balsam said, referring to his former BCT colleagues. "Usually you go from training to the war. I like my job as a translator (but) I think the biggest difference is going to be the uniform."

Balsam's mentor, Chris, speaks with obvious pride about his former colleague.

"He's going to be a great American outside of being a Soldier," he said. "Undoubtedly, he's going to excel as an interpreter because he already has. The only difference now is he gets a set of dog tags and he can finally be rewarded for his actions."

"Whoever gets him is going to be lucky (because) their job is going to be a lot easier," Chris added.

Abdul is also eager to begin his new career.

"I'm a little bit excited for when I go to my new duty station," he said.

When he deploys, he said, it will feel like he is going home.

Felkner, who traveled from Oklahoma to see his friend graduate last month, thinks the Army is a good fit for Abdul.

"Now that he's finished boot and is going to learn his skills set, I think he will do well," Felkner said, referring to Abdul's next stint in AIT. "I think after a month or so in the field, units are going to be fighting over him. I think he has a bright future."

He added, "If it were a different circumstance, I would be working for him."

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**Editor's note:** Soldiers with a 09L MOS are often placed in dangerous situations during deployments because of their Army affiliation. Because of the obvious danger, Soldiers with that MOS cannot have their photos published. Although such Soldiers are often able to use an alias during deployments, the Leader opted to use only their first names in order to ensure even greater privacy. Some additional characteristics, such as specific deployment locations and unit names, have also been omitted to protect the Soldiers' families.



# Chaplain answers call to the stage

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
*Leader Staff*

As a chaplain, Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Ziccardi is used to speaking in front of audiences. However, in March, he took on a new role as actor and singer in a musical at Columbia's Town Theatre.

Ziccardi has long been a fan of theater productions.

"I've loved going to theater and, in particular, musicals," he said. "There's a way that the message is communicated through the theater medium that has reached into my soul."

Until recently, though, he has never auditioned for a show.

"Once you get into the responsibilities of life, you don't have an opportunity to do the things that you would if you had some discretionary time," he explained.

During a yearlong deployment to Qatar — his third in as many years — he vowed to make a change.

"While I was there for 12 months before coming to Columbia to this position, I made a promise to myself," Ziccardi said. "Whatever my next duty assignment would be, I was going to look and see what opportunities there would be in theater and just give it a try."

When he arrived at Fort Jackson in September to be part of the transition team that establishes the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center, he wasted no time in making good on his promise. One Friday, he saw an announcement that auditions for the "Buddy Holly Story" at the Town Theatre were scheduled for the next day.

"So, I got my guitar out and picked out a song that I thought I could audition with.



*Courtesy photo*

**Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Ziccardi portrays the lead singer of the Hayride in the musical "The Buddy Holly Story." Ziccardi has been a lifelong theater fan, but had never before starred in a play or musical.**

I went there on Saturday, and I just sat down and sang my song," he said.

The audition went well and Ziccardi was cast in two roles. Ziccardi admitted that he was not familiar with the musical's story and was surprised to find out that he would actually open the show, portraying the lead singer of the band Hayride.

After eight weeks of rehearsal, it was time for the show.

"The feeling when that curtain went up — I can't describe the emotion I felt," Ziccardi said. "I was just so full of anticipation and adrenaline and excitement —

nervous. My one thought was, 'I want to do it like we practiced it over and over and over again. I want to do a good job.'"

And that he did.

"We did it just fine, got through it," he said. "I didn't drop my pick. My voice didn't crack. I remembered all the words, played it just fine. When we went offstage after the applause, my feet didn't touch the ground for about 10 minutes. It was just an out-of-this-world experience what I felt as I left the stage."

Being able to realize a lifelong dream has been a life-changing experience for

Ziccardi.

"What I found from theater is that I feel more alive doing this than I have felt doing anything else in my life," he said. "It's like a whole new chapter. It's a gift. Life has many different seasons and dimensions to it. I'm 52 years old, so I've lived a lot of life. To have something new that I can experience and learn and grow in — and also make a contribution in — is just a wonderful gift."

Ziccardi said that being part of the theater community has also broadened his experience with people whose backgrounds are different from his own.

"As a minister, as a chaplain, as a pastor, most of my affiliations have been with people who come to church or come to chapel or get involved," he said. "So this is really stepping outside of that. It's stimulating. It's invigorating. It's helping me to become more in touch with 'the real world' and what people are going through, who they are, how they see things, how they live their lives. I'm really growing as a person by the affiliation and interaction.

"What I'm discovering is that theater is a form of community. My part means nothing without the others doing theirs. And not only doing them together, but in synchronization with the others. And when everybody is doing their part together, what you can produce is something beautiful."

The "Buddy Holly Story" is no longer playing, but the next show is already on the horizon for Ziccardi. He was recently cast in two roles for the July production of "The Beauty and the Beast," also at the Town Theatre.

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# IAC responds to family member issues

This week’s article focuses on Community FIRST issues surfaced by the community, which were vetted at the Installation Action Council Feb. 23. Two issues were voted incomplete:

- Issue:** Special events for drill sergeant families.
- Scope:** There are not enough recreational events for drill sergeant spouses and families. Drill sergeant spouses are not meeting socially. Because of this, they are not building camaraderie with others.
- Recommendation:** Implement monthly events for drill sergeant spouses and families to socialize. Publicize a quarterly calendar of these events using all available marketing resources.
- Response (September):** From the IAC — This issue should be addressed by individual units. Also, the Fort Jackson Spouses Club holds social events open to all spouses, including drill sergeant spouses. Furthermore, Balfour Beatty offers activities for those residing on the installation, which provides another outlet for drill sergeant families.
- Update (February):** A new program called A.T. E.A.S.E. was started to further address the needs of all military spouses.
- Forum:** Drill Sergeant Spouse Focus Group, fourth quarter, fiscal year 2008.

**Issue:** Moncrief Army Community Hospital appointments for family members.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

By **VERONICA PATRICK**  
*Community FIRST Coordinator*

- Scope:** There are not enough appointment slots for family members at MACH’s Family Health Clinic. There are many times when patients call the clinic and all of the appointment slots are taken for that day. As a result, family members are forced to wait additional days to be seen by their physician or to find alternate means of care.
- Recommendation:** Increase the number of appointment slots for family members at the Family Health Clinic.
- Response (February):** From MACH — During times that we are unable to give appointments for acute problems within the Family Health Center, we have an arrangement with primary-care providers in the civilian community that allows us to send patients same-day for care. We have used this option for several years. We closely monitor access to care to ensure standards are being met.
- Forum:** Family Member Focus Group, first quarter, fiscal year 2009.

A complete list of Community FIRST/AFAP issues and their status can be found on the Customer Management Services Web site at [www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/](http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/)

*wellbeing.htm*. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on “Submit an Issue or Recommendation” or on the Community FIRST/AFAP logo. Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

**ICE APPRECIATION**  
The garrison leadership congratulates the Directorate of Human Resources, specifically Personnel Services Work Center and Trainee/Student Processing Work Center. The center has achieved a 4.86 and a 4.71 percent rating, respectively, out of a possible 5.0 in employee/staff attitude throughout a 12-week period. This is an outstanding performance in customer satisfaction.

**APRIL IS ISSUE-SUBMISSION MONTH**

Community members are asked to submit issues that impact their constituent group (Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, retirees or veterans) to Customer Management Services. These issues will become a part of the Community FIRST/AFAP issue resolution process. It is important for CMS to receive a cross-section of submissions to ensure that each constituent group’s voice is heard. Please contact the Community FIRST Coordinator at 751-3425 for more details.

# Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle’s honorees

## DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Kevin Wilson**  
Company A  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Justin Webb**  
Company B  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Angelo Rickert**  
Company C  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Paola Delarosa**  
Company D  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment



**Sgt. 1st Class**  
**Tracy Brooks**  
Company E  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Jon Skoog**  
Company F  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**STAFF SUPPORT AWARD**  
2nd Lt. Byron Manalang

**FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD**  
Debra Kelly

**DFAC SUPPORT AWARD**  
Deloris Hills

**SOLDIER LEADERS OF THE CYCLE**  
A 3-13 Spc. Edward Usilton  
B 3-13 Pvt. David Rohde  
C 3-13 Spc. Richard Green

D 3-13 Spc. Eric Lyon  
E 3-13 Pvt. Timothee Champagne  
F 3-13 Spc. Cody Lucas

**SOLDIERS OF THE CYCLE**  
A 3-13 Pvt. John Pardue  
B 3-13 Pvt. Todd Lomax  
C 3-13 Pfc. Joseph Duran  
D 3-13 Spc. Rachel Wells  
E 3-13 Pvt. Nicole Sklepik  
F 3-13 Pfc. Auttem Osborne

**HIGH MARKSMANSHIP SCORE OF THE CYCLE**  
A 3-13 Pfc. Peter Vaillancourt

B 3-13 Pvt. Todd Lomax  
C 3-13 Pvt. Patrick Taylor  
D 3-13 Pvt. Josef Hensley  
E 3-13 Pvt. Accoya Myers  
F 3-13 Pvt. Michael Swan

**HIGH PHYSICAL TRAINING SCORE OF THE CYCLE**  
A 3-13 Pfc. Eugene Green  
B 3-13 Pfc. Edwin Maldonado  
C 3-13 Pvt. John Leonguerrero  
D 3-13 Spc. Donald Thering  
E 3-13 Pvt. Colleen Brisbois  
F 3-13 Spc. Myrna Cabassa





# At your service

phone numbers and opening hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-4329/5923	Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Andy’s Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for opening hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. ; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2-10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year’s Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7593	Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers) 751-4914 (Civilian)	Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers’ Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers); Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m.
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday
Pools, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Refill Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Safety Office	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shoppettes Lee Road	782-0590	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Shoppettes Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppettes Gate 2	790-4478	24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Announcements

### LEADERSHIP LECTURE

Retired Lt. Gen. Russell Honore is scheduled to speak April 23, 3-5 p.m. at the 81st Regional Support Command. The lecture is part of Fort Jackson’s Leadership and Training Guest Speaker Program. The event is open to military personnel who are company commanders, first sergeants or above and to DA civilians ranking GS-12 and higher.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

The Fort Jackson community is invited to a town hall meeting Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Subjects scheduled to be discussed include housing, AAFES, FMWR and emergency services.

### HOME BUYING WORKSHOPS

Home buying education workshops are scheduled for April 23, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Post Conference Room. The topics that will be discussed include financing, inspections, improving your credit score, common mistakes when buying a home and finding a real estate agent. For more information and to register, call 751-5788/9339.

### MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

- ❑ CYSS Teen Program Poetry Reading, tomorrow, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Post Library.
- ❑ CYSS Splashin’ Summer Sign Up, Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon at Knight Pool.
- ❑ CYSS Middle School Program Fashion Show, Saturday, 5 p.m., Youth Services Center.

### SEVERE WEATHER SIREN

Fort Jackson is testing its emergency siren warning system at noon on Wednesdays. These are only tests, and are designed to ensure the emergency alert system works and to raise awareness on Fort Jackson and in the surrounding communities about the system’s existence.

### RETIREMENT APPRECIATION DAYS

The 2009 Retirement Appreciation Days are scheduled for Friday, April 24-Saturday, April 25.  
Friday’s events include golf and bowling tournaments, bingo and dinner at the NCO Club. Retired Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Hall will be guest speaker.

On Saturday, there will be an retiree appreciation ceremony at 9 a.m. at Darby Field, where Brig. Gen. Bradley W. May will be speaking.  
Representatives from various agencies will be on hand at the Retiree Expo, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Solomon Center.

For more information, call 751-4064.

### LEADER DEADLINES

- ❑ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the April 30 *Leader* must be submitted by April 16.
- ❑ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the April 30 *Leader* must be submitted by April 23.
- ❑ Send all submissions to [FJLeader@conus.army.mil](mailto:FJLeader@conus.army.mil).



Calendar

*Today*  
**Initial PCS move relocation class**  
8 a.m., Education Center

**The Rocks Inc.**  
“Behavioral Health Issues”  
5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room

*Sunday*  
**Days of Remembrance program**  
9:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel

*Tuesday*  
**Fort Jackson Town Hall Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., The Solomon Center

*Thursday, April 23*  
**Home buying education workshop**  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Post Conference Room  
Call 751-5788/9339 for information.

**AUSA luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Officers’ Club  
For more information contact  
*SBButler@bellsouth.net*.

Announcements

**SUPPORT COMMAND JOBS**  
The 81st Regional Support Command Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has vacancies for six Reserve officers and one Reserve E-5. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kevin McSally at 751-2692 or Master Sgt. Denise Underwood at 751-0833.

**FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP**  
Applications are being accepted for the 2009 American Patriot Freedom Scholarship until April 24. The scholarship is available to dependent children, 17 to 21, of military service members who will be pursuing a post-secondary educational degree. A total of 25 individual \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.  
For more information visit *www.homefrontamerica.org/oohrahhome.htm*.

**AUSA SCHOLARSHIP**  
The Association of the United States Army, Fort Jackson — Palmetto State Chapter, is offering educational scholarships to chapter members. The deadline is May 15. For more information contact *SBButler@bellsouth.net*.

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**PARKING LOT CLOSURE**  
The parking lot behind the Solomon Center will be closed through April 24 for repaving.

**CONTRACTING SESSIONS**  
The Directorate of Contracting will conduct customer training sessions April 28-30. Topics include: Preparing purchase requirement packages; developing independent government estimates; developing performance work statements; contracting officer representative responsibilities; ordering officer responsibilities; market research; preparing sole source justification; competition; wide area workflow; GPC&GSA schedules; dealing with contractors. For more information or to register contact *Sherrill.King@ us.army.mil* by Tuesday.

**SEVERE WEATHER SIREN**  
Fort Jackson tests its emergency siren warning system at noon on Wednesdays. The tests are designed to ensure the emergency alert system works and to raise awareness about the system’s existence.

**RECLAMATION SALE**  
A reclamation sale for Soldiers is scheduled for May 4-8, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Building 2570, Warehouse Road. Cash only.  
May 4 — E1-E6 Active Duty or Active Duty Reservist.  
May 5 — Training cadre (1st Sgt., commanding officer, training NCO, executive officer).  
May 6 — All Active Duty, all ranks  
May 7 — All Active Duty, all ranks  
May 8 — Active Duty, Reservists, National Guard

**NEW MUSEUM HOURS**  
Beginning Monday, the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum’s operating hours are as follows: Monday-Wednesday — closed; Thursday — 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**MYRTLE BEACH MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS**  
The Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days are scheduled for May 28-30. The 5K run/walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 30. Early registration deadline is May 1 (by mail only). Registration is free for active duty military and \$20 for veterans and civilians.  
Race day registration and packet pickup 6:30-7:45 a.m., Crabtree gym, 1004 Meyers Ave. Race times are 8 a.m., wheelchair 5K and 8:30 a.m., 5K run/walk.  
Call (843) 918-1191 for more information.

**TEN STAR BASKETBALL CAMP**  
Boys and girls, ages 10 to 19, are eligible to apply for basketball camp. Scholarships are available for participants. Go to *www.tenstarcamp.com* for more information.

Housing events

*Today*  
**Resident satisfaction surveys**  
Balfour Beatty resident satisfaction surveys are due today.

**Recipe exchange party**  
Bring your favorite dish and recipe to exchange.  
12 p.m.

**Emergency notification program**  
Balfour Beatty is instituting a new voice broadcasting system that will notify residents immediately in the event of an emergency. Call 738-8275 or send an e-mail to *CoWilliams@bbcgrp.com* to register with your cell phone number.

*Friday, April 24*  
**Breakfast on the go**  
7 a.m., Howie Village (distribution post)  
Balfour Beatty will be distributing free breakfast for children headed to school.

*Every Tuesday*  
**Walking club**  
9 a.m.

*Every Thursday*  
**Kids Day**  
10 a.m., Themed activities for children younger than school age.

*All events are held in the Balfour Beatty Communities management office unless otherwise specified. For more information or to register for any events, call Courtney Williams at 738-8275.*

Off-post events

*Today*  
**Lunch & Listen**  
12:30-1:30 p.m., Richland County Public Library, Main branch.  
Special guest mezzo-soprano Jan Merchant. Bring a bag lunch. Call 929-3450 for more information.

*Tomorrow*  
**Great Irmo Cleanup**  
9 a.m.-noon  
Call 733-1139 for more information.

*Tomorrow-Saturday*  
**67th Doolittle Raiders Reunion**  
Call 772-2945 or visit *www.celebratefreedomfoundation.org* for event schedule and more information.

*Saturday*  
**Whispering Winds Powwow**  
Gates open at 10 a.m., grand entry at noon, 2708 Dovefield Road, Elgin.  
Call 729-4434 for more information.

**Electronics recycling**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Columbiana Mall parking lot near J.C. Penney Co. Computers, televisions, washers, dryers, stoves, etc. will

Pet of the Week



Photo by OITHIP PICKERT

**A 2-year-old female Labrador mix. For information on pet adoption or other services, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.**

be accepted. Call 733-1139 or visit *www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org*.

*Thursday, April 23*  
**Real estate issues legal clinic**  
6:30 p.m., Richland County Library, Northeast Regional Branch. Free admission. To register call 799-4015, ext. 158.

*Friday, April 24*  
**Santee Birding and Nature Festival**  
8 a.m., Santee National Wildlife Refuge

*Friday, April 24-Saturday, April 25*  
**Baker’s Dozen: A Celebration of Stories**  
6:30 p.m., Friday, August Baker lecture  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Storytelling for families.  
Both events are free and will take place at the Main Library, 1431 Assembly St.

**HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT**  
The Foundation for Intercultural Travel is an exchange visitor program that matches international students, 15 to 18, with host families in the local area. Call (877) 439-7862 for more information.

**HOMEOWNERS WORKSHOPS**  
The Homeownership Resource Center is offering a free foreclosure workshop for homeowners. First and third Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. and every last Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m. at the Midlands Community Development Corporations-Dream Center, 2340 Atlas Road. Call 1-888-320-0350 for information.

New deadlines for *Leader* announcements

Community submissions to the *Leader* should be typed, no more than 45 words, and should include time and place for events and a point of contact, when possible. **Announcements must be submitted one week prior to the event.** The *Leader* reserves the right to edit announcements. To submit an announcement, e-mail it to *FJLeader@conus.army.mil*.

# ‘Sandy’ faces tough split

**By THERESA O’HAGAN**  
*Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Thearl “Sandy” Sandlin, Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation bowling manager, who plans to retire May 13, was recently recognized for his outstanding achievements as the head of bowling programs on Fort Jackson.

During his 26-year tenure as general manager of the Fort Jackson Bowling centers, Sandlin has overseen many big moments.

Improvements in Century and Ivy Lanes have included synthetic lanes, automatic scoring, new pinsetters and even the conversion of Ivy Lanes to part bowling center, part recreation area to better serve the troops.

Over the years, Century Lanes has also been center stage for many of the area’s biggest events such as the Special Olympics, national and international military bowling tournaments and the PBA Senior Regional tour.

For these efforts, Sandlin has been named Army Bowling Manager of the Year and was honored with selection to the Midlands United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

But all of this pales in comparison to his biggest achievement in Columbia bowling — bringing the Fort Jackson community into the mainstream of local bowling.

Before Sandlin’s arrival, post bowlers were sanctioned through the Columbia associations. They had a solid league base, but not much interaction with the rest of the city.

Sandlin has worked to make Fort Jackson an integral part of the Midlands bowling scene by sponsoring teams and pushing his bowlers to enter the local association tournaments, allowing local travel leagues to come to Fort Jackson and hosting the association tournaments.

Because the Midlands Chapter of the USBC chose Cen-

tury Lanes to host its Fourth Annual Association Championships in honor of Sandlin.

“I think my retiring from Century Lanes in May has something to do with being honored with this award. I was surprised the association members chose to honor me with this award,” Sandlin said.

According to David Peek, Midlands USBC, Sandlin was an excellent choice.

“Sandy Sandlin was our immediate choice this year. He has gone beyond the duties of manager and has been a good friend to his bowlers as well as bowlers who do not regularly bowl at Century Lanes,” Peek said. “I consider Sandy a close personal friend. I hate to see him retire because of the pleasant experiences I have had at Century Lanes. I know of quite a number of bowlers who feel the same.

“Everyone wishes him well and understands that all of us will have to face retirement someday. I personally respect his decision to retire but really hate to see him leave.”

Sandlin, a retired Military Police sergeant major, leaves behind a legacy that includes a dedication to Soldiers, families, and of course, the love of his favorite sport — bowling.

“The high point of my career here was in April 1995 when we first hosted the All Army Trials and continued hosting the trials for six consecutive years,” Sandlin said. “Fort Jackson hosted the Armed Forces Tournament in 1998 and this was a great honor having the best bowlers from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines bowl in competition at Century Lanes.

“Unfortunately, the Army came in second to the Air Force, but we had a lot of fun. The highlight of my career has been seeing all the friendly bowlers whom my wife and I have made friends with over the years. We will miss you all but it’s time for me to retire.”



SANDLIN

## FMWR calendar

### TODAY

- ❑ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ❑ Magraders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- ❑ Visit the Officers’ Club 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for specials or the buffet.

### TOMORROW

- ❑ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magraders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magraders Club is located in the back of Magraders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Fish fry at the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ❑ CYSS Teen Program Poetry Reading, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Post Library.

### SATURDAY

- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., Dance Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Live broadcast from the BIG DM 103.1 with giveaways, 9:30-11 p.m.
- ❑ Fort Jackson Golf Club Demo Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the driving range.
- ❑ CYSS Splashin’ Summer Sign Up, 10 a.m.-noon at Knight Pool.
- ❑ CYSS Middle School Program Fashion Show, 5 p.m., Youth Services Center.

### SUNDAY

- ❑ Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- ❑ Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m, Officers’ Club.

### MONDAY

- ❑ The NCO Club offers a full lunch buffet Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

### TUESDAY

- ❑ Bunco, 10 a.m.-noon, Officers’ Club.
- ❑ Active Duty Triathlon, 6 p.m., Knight Pool
- ❑ Sibling Support Group, 5 p.m., Hood Street School.

### WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Karaoke night with Tom Marable at Magraders Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ New passport requirements take effect June 1. For more information about the new requirements, visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.com/travel](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/travel).
- ❑ The next Family Child Care Orientation Training is scheduled for May 11-15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Joe E. Mann Center. The FCC program offers employment opportunities for military spouses who enjoy working with children. Registration is required by May 6. For more information, call 751-6234/1293.

### ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ Enjoy resort accommodations for between two and six people with the Armed Forces Vacation Club for less than one would pay for most hotels. For details of resort availability, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988. Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. A vacation counselor will take your enrollment and help you find an available resort. Fort Jackson is installation number 164.1.





Photos by MIKE A. GLASCH

Above: Sgt. 1st Class George Simmons, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, applies camouflage to his face Monday during the Drill Sergeant of the Year competition. Competitors were timed on how fast they could camouflage themselves and judged on how effective their efforts were. Right: Staff Sgt. Antonio Irving, Fitness Training Unit, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), low crawls through the mud Tuesday in the obstacle portion.

# Mettle test

## Drill sergeants compete for title

By MIKE A. GLASCH  
Leader Staff

Twenty of Fort Jackson's drill sergeants are battling to be named the Drill Sergeant of the Year.

The four-day competition began Monday with an Army Physical Fitness Test and wraps up today with a formal board. In between, competitors were tested physically and mentally with more than two dozen tasks.

"We really ramped it up a lot in terms of what they are going through," said the current DSoY Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Wheele. "We've made several additions to the competition to include a night land navigation course, the clinch drill and more hands on with weapons. It's more physically and mentally demanding on them than it has been in previous years."

The increased tempo and stress built into the event was something not lost on the competitors.

"The toughest part is the scheduling. You really don't have time to take a rest," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cavezza, Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th

Infantry Regiment. "If you're not physically engaged in something, you're studying the module that you have to pitch next, or you're getting ready for the next days' training events."

Staff Sgt. Latia Ellis, Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, shared that sentiment Tuesday only halfway through the competition.

"Today has been very challenging because there have been a lot of physical challenges, especially for the legs," she said. "After land nav, a road march, the obstacle course, I would say today has been a challenge."

The winner of the competition will be announced Friday and will serve as a liaison between drill sergeants and the installation's command group.

The winner of this year's competition will also represent Fort Jackson during the TRADOC DSoY competition. In the event, the Fort Jackson drill sergeant wins the TRADOC event, he will have a permanent change of station to Fort Monroe, Va., and the runner-up will serve as the Fort Jackson DSoY.

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Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Whitebull, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, kneeling, demonstrates how to apply a tourniquet as an evaluator grades him.





# Time to consider health-care options

By CAPT. JENIFFER COX  
Legal Assistance Attorney

Today is National Healthcare Decisions Day. Today through the end of April, the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office is encouraging everyone to take time to focus on the legal documents dealing with future health care.

These documents are advanced medical directives. There are several questions one must ask him or herself before instituting one of these documents: Who do you want to make medical decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself? Do you have specific wishes about being placed on life support or having doctors take extraordinary measures to keep you alive? Have you discussed your wishes with your family?

A living will, also known as a “declaration of a desire for a natural death,” is a directive that only applies when your attending doctor and another doctor have determined you are either terminally ill and close to death; or in a persistent vegetative state, meaning you have little-to-no brain function and are in a permanent coma.

In either case, you are declaring your desire that your life should not be artificially prolonged by use of medical intervention, such as a respirator. You also have the opportunity to elect whether you wish to receive artificial nutrition and hydration in either case, even after the other extraordinary measures prolonging your life have been removed.

If you believe you may still want your life prolonged, you should not execute a living will. Normally, a living will is enforceable as your last wish.

Unlike the living will, which only applies in the two situations described above, a health-care power of attorney, or HCPOA, applies at any time you are deemed incompetent to make your own health-care decisions by your physicians.



It is a much broader document, and can be used temporarily or permanently depending on the duration of your incompetence. A HCPOA is the best assurance that your medical care will be handled in the way you want if you become unable to make these decisions yourself.

In a HCPOA, you name the person you want to make medical decisions for you at any time you are unable to make your own decisions. This person is called your agent.

A HCPOA might apply if you are injured while deployed or if you are in an automobile accident and because of your injuries are unable to consent to treatment. Your agent, under your HCPOA, has the authority to make all the same medical decisions you make, such as: Choosing a doctor, admitting you to a hospital and changing your medications.

It is important for you to consider carefully whom you name to serve as your agent. The person should be willing and able to serve. You might want to consider the person’s ability to make difficult decisions, closeness in proximity to your location and physical ability to get to your location. You may name up to two alternate agents to serve in case your primary agent is unwilling or unable to serve as your health care agent.

You can find additional information about National Healthcare Decisions Day at <http://www.nationalhealth->

[caredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealth-caredecisionsday.org). Additionally, the Army recently released short video presentations on the different legal documents available for Soldiers and family members as part of the “Taking Care of Business” deployment cycle train up. These videos are available at [www.armygl.army.mil/DCS/training.asp](http://www.armygl.army.mil/DCS/training.asp) (under train-up/preparation).

The time leading up to a deployment is stressful and often short. It is best to make these decisions now, while you have the time to reflect on your wishes and discuss them with your family.

Living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney are available on a walk-in basis Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office.

Wills are done by appointment only. If you plan to have a will and any of the other documents prepared, you can have them all done at one time during the will appointment. Please make sure to bring the names, addresses and phone numbers of all of the people that you plan to name in your documents.

Appointments are available Monday through Thursday. The Legal Assistance Office is located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Road. Call 751-4287 for more information or to make an appointment.



# God demonstrates ‘tough love’

By **CHAPLAIN (Maj.) JEFF SPANGLER**  
*Soldier Support Institute*

“ ... God’s kindness leads you toward repentance.”  
Romans 2:4

Years ago, James Dobson wrote a classic book titled, “Love Must be Tough.” In it, he encourages parents to love their children enough to exercise discipline and hold them to reasonable standards.

“Tough Love” is what we all need, though it is rarely what we seek.

It’s interesting how children respond to adults who set standards, live by those standards and enforce those standards.

At first there is resistance, but after a while children find security in standards and boundaries. Although they may test their parents, they do so not to destroy, but to make sure the boundaries are still there.

When my children violate a boundary, I as the parent have a choice. I can let it go, or I can confront my child with the violation.

This decision-making process is called judgment. I have to take the role of judge and determine if a given behavior has violated an established boundary.

My wife, Angie, spends most of her day acting as a judge with our five children. I understand that it can be exhausting, because she frequently lets me know.

Now, after nearly 21 years of marriage and a house full of kids, I understand the whole, “wait ‘till your father comes home!” exclamation stay-at-home moms make. I used to think it was a cop-out, but now I understand it is a coping skill. As a father, I come home and support my wife.

Frequently, I have to come home and serve as the judge and disciplinarian. It’s not my favorite thing to do, but it is necessary.

Rarely do I consider these times of judgment as “kindness” — and I guarantee my children do not regard it

as kindness either. But in reality it is.

Let me explain.

It is this confrontation that makes my children aware of their offense and brings them to the act of confession, repentance and restoration. Angie is a combination of hound dog and bulldog when it comes to honesty.

She can sniff it out and she will not let it go.

Our kids are all the better for it. The process is painful. Believe me.

But in the long run, it is a tremendous kindness because our children are growing up to understand the importance of telling the truth and the destructive nature of dishonesty.

Next time you experience the judgment of God, try to remember, as painful as it may be, it is kindness that will lead you to repentance. I would much rather experience a little pain and discomfort along life’s journey, than the pain of eternal condemnation.

Accept God’s tough love in your life and thank him for his kindness to you.



**Protestant**

- Sunday  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)  
7:45 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)  
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel  
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)  
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel  
11 a.m. Chapel Next, USACHCS, Fox/Poling Lab.
- Wednesday  
6 p.m., Prayer Service Daniel Circle Chapel  
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

**PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY**

- Monday

- 7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)
- Wednesday  
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel  
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel  
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday  
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)  
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)  
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday  
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

**PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL**

- Saturday  
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday  
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

**Catholic**

- Monday-Friday  
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday  
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)  
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday  
7 p.m. Rosary  
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

**Lutheran/Episcopalian**

- Sunday  
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

**Islamic**

- Sunday  
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday  
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

**Jewish**

- Sunday  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

**Church of Christ**

- Sunday  
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

**Latter Day Saints**

- Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

**Addresses, phone numbers**

- Daniel Circle Chapel**  
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**  
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**  
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**  
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**  
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**  
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**  
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**  
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**  
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**  
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

## Easter sunrise



Members of the Daniel Circle Gospel Choir perform at the Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at the Solomon Center.

Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH

# FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

**Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor**  
*Director,  
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal*  
**Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.**  
*Provost Sergeant Major*  
**Billy Forrester**  
*Fire Chief*

## CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A civilian was charged with drunken driving after tests showed a blood alcohol content of 0.23 percent. The legal limit in South Carolina is 0.08 percent. The man tried to enter the installation at Gate 2 when security guards detected the smell of alcohol, Military Police said. According to authorities, the civilian failed three standard field sobriety tests.

❑ The Fort Jackson Fire Department and MPs responded to a gas leak. While working on a gas line, members of a construction crew failed to close a gas valve, MPs said. The area was secured, and the gas valve was closed.

❑ While locking the building, a civilian did not arm the alarm for a secured area correctly, which triggered the alarm system, MPs said. MPs responded to the alarm, but found that no one had entered the building and nothing was missing. The building was then properly secured.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

One of the most effective tools the police have for fighting and preventing crime is you, the people of the Fort Jackson community.

In many cases, you know far better than the police who belongs in the areas in



which you work or live and who does not. There are far more community members than there are police officers, thus you are better able to observe areas constantly that the police may only be able to pass through occasionally while on patrol.

If you see someone doing something you know is illegal, or find an unauthorized person in a secured area, call the police right away. The sooner you call, the sooner the police can get to you and the better the chances of locating the person you observed.

In many cases, a quiet conversation with a police officer may be all a would-be criminal needs to deter him or her from acting. It also gives the police information which may prove useful in later investigations.

If you observe a suspicious person, try to get the best possible description of him or her that you can. Start at the top and work your way down noticing as many distinguishing features as possible. Essential information for the police includes gender, race, complexion, height, weight and hair color.

Jewelry, hats, facial hair and shirts with logos also help to identify a suspect as the police are responding to your location. In addition to describing the person, note the direction of travel if he or she leaves the area before you can call the police.

If the person approaches in a vehicle, try to get the license plate number. The only thing the police ask is that callers be able to explain why the person they are calling about looks suspicious.

## FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Are you and your family  
ready for an EMERGENCY?





# Army 10-miler sold out

*Special to the Leader*

Despite increasing the field of participants to 30,000 runners, the Army 10-Miler race has already sold out.

Event organizers increased the number of runners to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the race.

“Over the years, we have been able to incrementally increase the runner field and maintain a safe, competitive race,” said Jim Vandak, race director. “Since the 2008 race sold out in a record 21 days we looked at the logistics and felt that we could incrementally increase participation in this year’s 25th anniversary race.”

Registration opened April 1, and despite the increased runner field, the race was expected to sell out by mid-May.

Instead, it sold out almost a month earlier than expected. More than 700 teams are expected to compete in this year’s race and soldier teams will be allowed to pre-pay for entries again when they register their team name. Race officials also confirmed that they will use

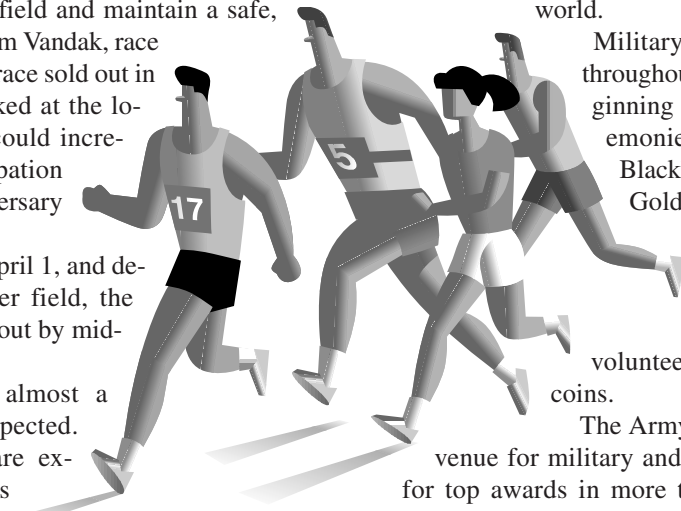
a wave start again to release runners for this year’s Army 10-Miler to ensure a safe, competitive race.

The increase in participants has led to other changes as well. The free, two-day expo preceding the race will move to the DC Armory enabling twice the number of exhibitors and longer packet pick-up hours for runners.

Race weekend activities include a two-day race expo, fitness clinics, youth runs, post race party and HOOAH tents from Army installations around the world.

Military culture is infused throughout the Army’s race beginning with the opening ceremonies which include Blackhawk flyovers and the Golden Knights parachute team; Missing Parts in Action Team (military amputee runners); Soldier volunteers, and the finishers’ coins.

The Army 10-Miler provides a venue for military and civilians to compete for top awards in more than 27 division and show support for all our nation’s men and women in uniform. The event will be held Oct. 4 in Washington, D.C. For more information on the race and race weekend activities go to [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).



## Sports shorts

❑ The triathlon scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed until September. For more information, call 751-3096/5768.

❑ Registration is open for Fort Jackson’s annual Strongman Competition May 14. The registration deadline is May 12. There is no entry fee for Soldiers. For more information, call 751-3096.

❑ The volleyball championship is scheduled for Monday, 6 p.m., at Vanguard and Coleman gyms. For more information, call 751-3096.

❑ Letters of intent for summer basketball are due by the end of this month. The summer basketball league is for active duty personnel only. For more information, call 751-3096.

❑ The softball season starts Tuesday. For more information, call 751-3096.

❑ For youth sports information, call 751-5610/5040. For golf, call 787-4437/4344. For general sports information, call 751-3096.

❑ This year’s youth baseball season will run April-June. Play is available in three age groups: T-ball (for children 3-5 years old); Coach Pitch (for children 6-8 years old) and Little League (for children 9 and older). The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$36 for each additional child. For more information, call 751-5040.